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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise from $1,409.5 million in June to $1,454.0 million in July,[1] a gain of about three percent, reflected higher levels of exports of all of the economic classes of commodities. July exports of domestic merchandise were about four percent higher than the July 1958 total of $1,401.9 million. Data on exports of M.S.P. (military) shipments are included in these totals.

With M.S.P. (military) shipmenta excluded, July exports of domestic merchandise were valued at $1,339.4 million, a level approximately the same as the June total of $1,331.4 million, but about five percent higher than the July 1958 total of $1,272.9 million.

[1]As a result of increased shipments at Great Lakes ports with the opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway, some abnormal dslays have developed in the transmittal of Shipper's Export Declarations from which the export statistics are compilsd. An attempt to overcome this delay was started in July. As a result the July export figures include about $15.0 million which would normally have been in earlisr months (May or June). This $15.0 million is concentrated largely in exports of oil seeds, corn, and "other grains." It is expected that this delay in transmittal of declarations will be remedied by the time the August statistics are compiled and the users of the statietics will be provided with whatever information becomes availabls on the extent to which the August statietics include a more than normal amount of carry-over of shipments from prior months.

Exports of crude foodstuffs advanced from $122.1 million in June to $137.9 million in July partly as a result of a rise in exports of wheat, from $45.6 to $57.2 million. An appreciable gain in exports of vegetable oils and fats from $2.2 to $13.4 million largely accounted for the rise in exports of semimanufactures from $203.3 to $213.5 million. Exports of finished manufactures rose from $858.4 to $867.8 million. The principal factors in this increase were gains in exports of Special Category type 1 commodities, from $21.8 to $54.1 million; aircraft, parts and accessories, from $57.4 to $71.1 million; and military automobiles, trucks, and busses, from $3.9 to $12.0 million which were partly offset by declines in exports of merchant ships, from $17.7 to $1.8 million; automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from $46.9 to $39.1 million; and construction, excavating, mining and related machinery, from $64.4 to $59.0 million. Exports of crude materials advanced from $133.6 to $138.6 million as increases were registered in exports of most of the individual items included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these were coal, from $28.6 to $36.1 million and oil seeds, from $23.7 to $30.6 million. However, exports of unmanufactured cotton, also included in this economic class, dropped noticeably from $29.7 to $15.9 million.

Exports of manufactured foodstuffs rose from $92.1 to $96.1 million as increases in exports of refined vegetable oils, fats and waxes, from $10.8 to $17.4 million, and dairy products, from $6.2 to $11.4 million, were partly offset by a drop in exports of wheat flour from $12.5 to $5.1 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statiatica, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United Statea trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and United States possessions is not included in thia report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United Statea between foreign countriea ia not included in exports.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includea inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with thia definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at $100 to $499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. The eatimated valuea are distributed among the individual commodity totals ahown in the table. The probable variability in the export figures due to sampling ia less than two percent of the individual totals shown, or less than $50,000. The largeat variation from rounding of figures is $50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, aee the September 1953, February 1954, and the January and June 1956 iasuea of Foreign Trade Statiatica Notea.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
JULY 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1959 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1958 include revisions published with the December 1958 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1959. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity		July 1959	June 1959	July 1958	Monthly average	
					1958	1957
Total	value	[1] [2]1,454.0	[3]1,409.5	[4]1,401.9	[5]1,474.5	[6]1,722.6
Crude materials	value	138.6	133.6	183.5	178.0	259.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs	value	5.6	5.4	3.9	4.6	5.6
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible	1,000 lb	123,105	113,982	94,821	92,402	114,861
	value	9.4	9.1	8.0	8.0	10.0
Oil seeds	value	30.6	23.7	18.3	18.0	20.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb	23,562	25,777	34,903	40,195	41,746
	value	17.2	18.6	25.8	29.5	29.9
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 bales	153	255	481	398	602
	value	15.9	29.7	63.9	55.1	88.3
Coal	1,000 s.tons	3,797	3,000	4,525	4,380	6,731
	value	36.1	28.6	44.5	43.8	69.1
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl	174	192	308	361	4,187
	value	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.2	14.4
All other crude materials	value	23.3	18.0	18.2	17.8	21.4
Crude foodstuffs	value	137.9	122.1	104.7	106.7	111.0
Corn	1,000 bu	22,263	19,625	13,116	14,942	14,833
	value	28.9	26.1	17.9	19.6	20.9
Wheat	1,000 bu	33,439	26,762	20,944	27,484	34,664
	value	57.2	45.6	35.8	47.5	61.2
Other grains	value	29.1	23.3	31.0	20.0	9.0
Vegetables, fresh or dried	1,000 lb	125,775	192,637	103,047	118,444	117,439
	value	7.4	10.7	5.2	6.1	5.7
Fruits, fresh or frozen	1,000 lb	156,896	175,268	130,380	110,949	133,813
	value	11.9	12.7	10.7	8.9	9.1
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	(**)
All other crude foodstuffs	value	3.3	3.3	3.9	4.3	5.1
Manufactured foodstuffs	value	96.1	92.1	88.2	91.8	96.9
Meat and meat products	1,000 lb	28,708	25,565	19,815	19,702	28,757
	value	8.4	8.2	7.0	6.9	9.2
Lard	1,000 lb	58,365	46,840	31,977	32,212	41,781
	value	5.6	4.7	4.3	4.3	6.2
Dairy products	1,000 lb	63,272	35,722	33,927	39,530	46,895
	value	11.4	6.2	6.9	8.4	10.0
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb	6,229	4,464	1,922	3,437	5,807
	value	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.4
Milled rice	1,000,000 lb	141	173	181	103	133
	value	9.2	11.7	13.8	8.0	10.1
Wheat flour	1,000 cwt	1,253	3,324	2,071	2,259	2,207
	value	5.1	12.5	8.4	9.6	9.4
Vegetables, canned and prepared	value	3.5	3.7	5.1	3.6	3.8
Fruits, dried and evaporated	1,000 lb	3,443	4,136	5,745	16,305	17,198
	value	0.9	1.1	1.2	3.4	3.0
Canned fruits	1,000 lb	26,088	23,768	22,148	30,514	26,313
	value	4.1	4.0	3.6	4.7	3.9
Fruit juices, canned and frozen	1,000 gal	2,447	2,850	3,668	3,024	3,134
	value	3.4	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.3
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined	1,000 lb	112,732	73,040	69,784	66,807	42,901
	value	17.4	10.8	11.2	10.6	7.2
Sugar and related products	value	1.6	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.3
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	10.5	8.5	8.1	12.5	(**)
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value	13.4	13.2	11.7	12.4	27.0
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type [7]	value	213.5	203.3	169.2	189.6	270.2
Leather	value	1.8	2.4	1.5	2.1	1.8
Synthetic rubber	1,000 lb	58,824	63,152	33,251	36,716	38,335
	value	15.3	15.8	8.9	9.8	10.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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JULY 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity		July 1959	June 1959	July 1958	Monthly average 1958	Monthly average 1957
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[7]—Continued						
Naval Stores, gums and resins	value..	4.2	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.5
Vegetable oils and fats	1,000 lb..	120,066	17,017	9,845	28,801	69,707
	value..	13.4	2.2	1.2	3.5	9.8
Cotton semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	26,652	25,500	25,081	24,573	27,406
	value..	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.8	5.0
Wool semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	12,865	12,672	7,445	9,392	13,327
	value..	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.7	2.4
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	11,325	9,426	7,437	9,105	8,956
	value..	7.9	6.6	6.7	7.1	6.6
Sawmill products	1,000 bd.ft..	66,833	65,969	62,920	60,596	68,903
	value..	7.9	7.8	6.7	6.5	7.4
Wood pulp	1,000 s.tons..	57	56	41	43	52
	value..	8.5	8.0	6.3	6.5	8.0
Gas and fuel oil	1,000 bbl..	2,690	3,251	4,074	3,313	6,496
	value..	7.1	8.5	11.9	9.8	23.2
Sulfur	1,000 l.tons..	175	125	102	131	132
	value..	4.3	3.1	2.6	3.3	3.7
Steel mill products, semifinished	value..	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.3	6.7
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes	1,000 lb..	12,730	10,957	13,858	20,516	35,772
	value..	1.4	1.3	1.4	2.0	3.1
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips	1,000 lb..	107,988	123,442	96,480	157,053	276,051
	value..	13.6	14.4	10.0	15.0	25.6
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate	1,000 lb..	94,613	99,352	60,867	82,467	133,750
	value..	7.3	8.0	4.8	6.5	12.2
Other iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	18.3	15.7	8.0	10.3	34.2
Aluminum semimanufactures	value..	4.6	6.7	4.0	3.6	3.1
Copper semimanufactures	value..	6.9	7.8	13.6	16.9	20.2
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products	value..	7.8	9.2	9.7	8.4	7.6
Plastics and resin materials	1,000 lb..	56,285	58,912	40,182	46,907	41,112
	value..	21.4	21.4	14.9	17.4	15.6
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[7]	value..	19.3	20.6	17.5	17.9	18.4
Pigments	1,000 lb..	55,536	47,117	48,826	52,026	56,000
	value..	5.5	4.7	4.6	5.0	5.9
Nitrogenous fertilizer materials	1,000 lb..	125,286	82,167	71,197	106,124	179,727
	value..	2.8	2.4	2.4	3.0	4.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[7]	value..	[8]27.6	[8]27.0	[8]23.5	[8]25.2	[8]32.1
Finished manufactures	value..	867.8	858.4	856.3	908.3	985.3
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new	thousands..	79	73	71	102	[9]146
	value..	3.2	3.6	2.7	4.7	[9]5.3
Other rubber manufactures	value..	7.0	7.9	6.5	7.8	8.7
Cigarettes	millions..	1,938	1,598	1,402	1,506	1,416
	value..	8.4	6.9	5.8	6.4	5.6
Other tobacco manufactures	value..	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.5
Cotton cloth	1,000 sq.yd..	[10]32,882	[10]42,662	[10]29,092	[10]41,746	45,652
	value..	[10]9.3	[10]10.3	[10]8.6	[10]11.3	12.3
Other cotton manufactures	value..	7.4	7.2	6.4	8.1	8.7
Wool manufactures	value..	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures	value..	11.2	12.6	9.4	12.4	14.5
Other textile manufactures	value..	5.1	5.0	3.7	4.8	5.1
Wood manufactures, advanced	value..	2.4	2.7	2.2	2.6	2.7
Paper and manufactures	value..	18.3	19.0	16.3	18.3	18.4
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types)	value..	10.3	7.9	12.8	10.9	16.1
Lubricating oil	value..	15.6	16.0	15.9	15.5	16.2
Glass and products	value..	6.2	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.7
Steel mill manufactures	value..	12.7	18.0	17.1	19.9	32.0
Metal manufactures, n.e.c	value..	38.2	39.5	36.4	40.0	43.1
Electric household refrigerators and freezers	number..	32,633	26,946	32,341	32,383	31,716
	value..	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.0
Radio and television apparatus	value..	20.3	18.6	22.2	23.3	20.9
Other electrical machinery and apparatus	value..	52.8	51.7	53.2	55.7	59.9
Power generating machinery, n.e.c	value..	16.7	18.2	16.4	18.9	19.7
Construction, excavating, mining and related machinery	value..	59.0	64.4	57.6	57.9	74.5
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[7]	value..	8.9	12.4	15.1	14.4	26.2
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts	value..	12.8	11.8	13.4	13.8	
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery	value..	8.8	8.9	6.6	7.9	10.4
Other industrial machinery and parts	value..	73.0	72.9	71.3	75.6	77.8

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Economic class and commodity	July 1959	June 1959	July 1958	Monthly average 1958	Monthly average 1957
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	11.1	11.6	9.5	11.1	[11]10.6
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	15.1	16.3	10.3	10.3	11.1
Tractors.....number..	4,901	7,846	4,826	4,183	4,392
value..	20.0	22.8	18.1	15.8	20.7
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	12.3	12.1	10.4	10.1	11.0
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	14,274	18,228	14,691	12,200	16,040
value..	30.8	32.2	26.1	24.5	36.2
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	6,858	7,744	8,399	10,146	11,923
value..	13.4	16.2	16.1	21.5	25.1
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	39.1	46.9	29.3	39.3	42.0
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	12.0	3.9	15.8	18.1	14.3
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	71.1	57.4	114.6	81.0	85.7
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	8	13	16	11	28
value..	1.8	17.7	1.9	5.7	8.1
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	6.9	5.8	22.1	17.4	12.1
Antibiotics.....value..	7.2	4.9	3.9	5.5	6.9
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	19.0	16.8	16.6	17.7	16.8
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.8	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	3.1	2.4	2.7	6.4	3.1
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	11.7	11.8	5.3	15.6	17.5
Special Category Type 1[7].....value..	54.1	21.8	24.2	42.2	37.9
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[7].....value..	124.4	128.4	116.4	121.1	133.2

**Data for periods prior to January 1958 not available. [1]See footnote one on front page of this report. [2]Includes $114.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($56.7 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $78.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($30.1 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $129.0 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($67.5 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($58.6 million to Western Europe). [6]Includes $113.0 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($59.4 million to Western Europe). [7]See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for explanation of Special Categories and list of commodities included. [8]For security reasons, data on exports of all forms of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590) are excluded from export statistics. [9]Data for periods prior to January 1958 also include new and used motorcycle tires and used truck, bus, and automobile tires. [10]Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and B number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. [11]Data for periods prior to January 1958 do not include exports of electronic computers and parts.

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